

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A disposable filter cartridge for an integrated pump-filter assembly ~~having a one piece integral pump-filter housing including a water inlet at an upper level of the housing and a water outlet at a lower level of the housing, an electric pump mounted in the base of the housing, and a removable cover attached to the top of the housing, said housing defining an opening for retaining a disposable filter, said cartridge comprising:~~

- (a) opposed upper and lower end caps;
- (b) a tubular skeletal central core member open at both ends;
- (c) pleated filter medium surrounding said skeletal member and supported between said opposed end caps; and
- (d) a substantially circular platform means in said central disposed centrally transversely of said core, whereby member projecting radially inwardly and said platform is adapted to support a water treatment medium.

2. (original) The disposable filter cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein said water treatment medium includes at least one chlorine tablet.

3. (original) The disposable filter cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein said end caps include integral gasket means adapted to engage pipe fittings of more than one size.

4. (currently amended) The disposable filter cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein said skeletal core is ~~comprised if~~ comprised of a series of vertical post members disposed transversely in relation to a series of ring members, whereby said post and ring members, in combination with said platform, form a cage-like structure for holding said water treatment medium.

5. (currently amended) A disposable filter cartridge comprising:

- (a) opposed upper and lower end caps;
- (b) a tubular skeletal central core member open at both ends;
- (d) (c) pleated filter medium surrounding said skeletal member and supported between said opposed end caps; and
- (e) (d) a substantially circular, grid-like platform means in said central disposed centrally transversely of said core, whereby said platform is member projecting radially inwardly and adapted to support a water treatment medium.